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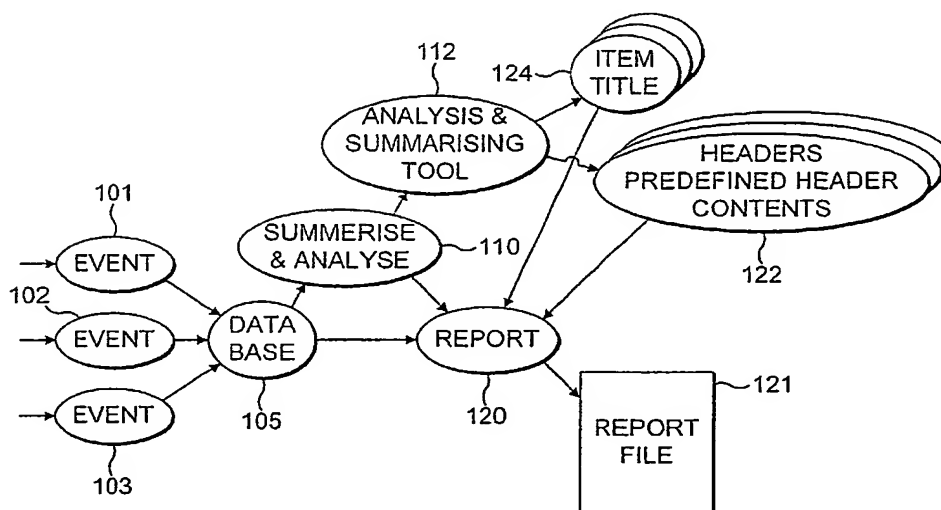
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(57) Abstract: A server (10) for connecting to equipment to be monitored, the server having an internet protocol address and comprising a database (105) for receiving and storing data from the equipment and a feed (121), for example in the form of means for generating an extensible mark-up language (XML) feedfile, for feeding data from the database to remote applications (41, 42) addressing the server. A remote computer (42) having a network connection for connecting to the server can monitor the equipment, and a news display application on that computer can store an address of the server as its source of items to be displayed and can perform a look-up of items from the server.